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behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 12TH THROUGH MARCH 18TH AS SUNSHINE WEEK IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, "Sunshine Week" is an annual national initiative to facilitate discussion aimed at increasing  
2 awareness for the importance of open government; and

3 WHEREAS, Sunshine Week began in 2005 and was created by the American Society of News Editors and is now  
4 coordinated in partnership with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press; and

5 WHEREAS, the creators of Sunshine Week seek to empower this nation's citizens to play an active role in their  
6 government; and

7 WHEREAS, it is more important now than ever before to have a free and independent press that works in the face  
8 of unprecedented criticism to shine a light on issues that affect all Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, open government and transparency are important issues to the State of Delaware; and

10 WHEREAS, this legislative body recognizes that open government and transparency are core values to any well-  
11 functioning democracy and stimulate an active citizenry; and

12 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1 of the 145th Delaware General Assembly brought the General Assembly under  
13 Delaware's Freedom of Information Act and allowed the public to have access to the meetings and records of the  
14 Legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, March 19, 2017 marks the eighth anniversary in the Delaware House of Representatives of the  
16 passing of House Bill No. 1 of the 145th General Assembly.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the 149th Delaware General Assembly that March 12th  
19 through March 18th, 2017, shall be Sunshine Week in the State of Delaware and citizens are encouraged to recognize and  
20 celebrate this week and to educate themselves on their Right to Know.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the week of March 12th through March 18th, 2017, as Sunshine Week in Delaware.